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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the official action mailed November 17, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 17, 2004.

In the aforesaid action, the examiner objected to the reissue oath/declaration as failing to cover changes made and/or newly added claims, and has requested a supplemental oath in connection with same. On the basis of this defect in the oath/declaration, the examiner has also rejected claims 1-31, 33, 36-45 and 48-52 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration.

Responsive to this issue, enclosed herewith is a supplemental declaration from the applicant which addresses the issue raised by the examiner and, it is believed, places this application in condition for allowance.

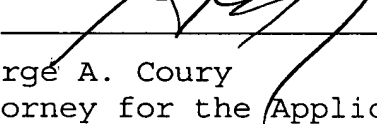
In addition, in the aforesaid action, the examiner indicated that the original patent or a statement as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent must be received before the reissue application can be allowed.

Enclosed herewith is the original patent document in connection with this matter.

Based upon the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such early and favorable action is therefore respectfully solicited.

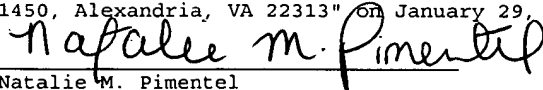
It is further believed that no fee is due in connection with this submission. If any fee is due, however, please charge same to deposit account no. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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